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SUBJECT: ODDS AND ENDS

1. UNBEKNOWNST TO US THE PRESIDENT, IN A MEETING WITH THREE NEWSMEN AT CAMP DAVID OVER THE WEEKEND, SAID THAT YOU WOULD BE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION. NESSEN NEVER BOTHERED TO TELL EITHER SCOWCROFT OR THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THIS, SO OUR PRESS SPOKESMAN YESTERDAY, ON MY INSTRUCTIONS, SAID THAT NO DECISION ON THAT SUBJECT HAD YET BEEN TAKEN. WE LEARNED TODAY WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAID SO, AFTER CHECKING WITH SCOWCROFT, I TOLD THE PRESS SPOKESMAN TODAY TO ANNOUNCE THAT YOU WOULD BE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION, BUT THAT THE SPECIFIC DATES OF YOUR ATTENDAN(E WERE NOT YET DECIDED.

2. BRENT IS STILL WORKING ON TRANSPORTATION TO THE CONVENTION. HE REMAINS CONVINCED THAT WE WILL GET IT WORKED OUT BUT IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE ANOTHER DAY OR SO.

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3. DAN SPIEGEL OF HUMPHREY'S OFFICE JUST CALLED TO SAY THAT HUMPHREY IS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING YOU APPEAR BEFORE HIS SFRC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO DISCUSS IRAN "IN A SENSIBLE WAY." SPIEGEL EMPHASIZED THAT HUBERT IS NOT TRYING TO EMBARRASS YOU OR THE ADMINIS-

TRATION BUT THAT IN LIGHT OF YOUR RECENT VISIT AND HIS EARLIER REPORT HE THINKS IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO HAVE A SESSION TO TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MILITARY SALES ETC., TO IRAN. IT WOULD BE AN OPEN SESSION AND WOULD PROBABLY ALSO INCLUDE BOB ELLSWORTH FROM DEFENSE. SPIEGEL SAID THAT HUMPHREY IS NOT TRYING TO PUSH YOU AND THEREFORE HIS (SPIEGEL'S) APPROACH TO ME ON THE QUESTION. SPIEGEL SAID THAT IF YOU WISHED TO TALK ABOUT THE REPORT ON IRAN YOU COULD BUT IT WOULD NOT BE SOMETHING THAT HUMPHREY WOULD HIMSELF RAISE. TO REPEAT, THE EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON THE FUTURE. SPIEGEL SUGGESTED EITHER THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23D OR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30. (WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER DATE, THE CONGRESS GOES OUT OF SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 2D SO THAT ONLY AUGUST 30, 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1 WOULD BE AVAILABLE). I NOTED THAT YOU WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR LOS MUCH OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK, BUT AGREED TO SOUND YOU OUT ON THE HUMPHREY FEELER. YOU MAY WANT TO DISCUSS THIS AFTER YOU RETURN; IN FACT, YOU MAY WANT TO TALK TO HUMPHREY DIRECTLY ON IT.

4. AT THE RISK OF BEING FIRED, I NEED TO PUSH YOU ON A DECISION ON WHETHER YOU WILL HOST A LUNCH ON FRIDAY IN NEW YORK FOR THE LOS CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP. I AM TOLD THAT IF WE DON'T DECIDE THIS QUICKLY THE POTENTIAL INVITEES MAY ACCEPT OTHER COMMITMENTS AND NOT BE ABLE TO SHOW UP FOR THE LUNCH SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO GIVE IT. GUIDANCE? (BE CAREFUL IN YOUR REPLY, I CAN ALWAYS GO TO WORK FOR DICK HOLBROOK). ROBINSON

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